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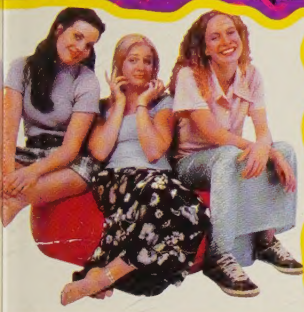

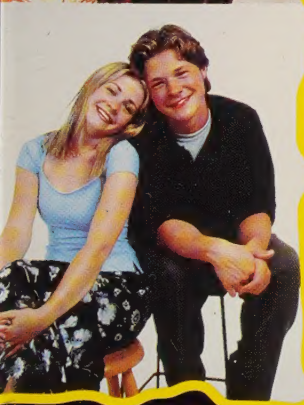

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# Meet Sabrina, the Teenage Witch!

Imagine waking up one morning to find you suddenly had magical powers. Just by pointing at something and repeating a command, you could turn your school rival into a pineapple or make time stand still. That's exactly what happened to Sabrina Spellman, a girl who wakes up on her 16th birthday to find out she's a witch! The magic happens on ABC-TV's *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch,* based on the Archie comic book series.

Sabrina gets her powers from her dad—the warlock (male witch) in the family, who lives inside a book. Unable to learn witchy ways from her mortal mom, Sabrina moves in with eccentric aunts Zelda and Hilda, who are witches themselves—as is Salem, the talking cat. Sabrina also gets guidance from the Witches Council, whose headquarters are located in her linen closet!

Of course, a 16-year-old girl has to go to school, even if she's a witch. That's where Sabrina often runs into a little trouble. She can do amazing things—like turn all the students into geeks or cast a spell that forces everyone to tell the truth. But there's one big problem. She can't tell anybody she's the one making magic, which means her best friend Jenny and crush Harvey remain in the dark. And so does Libby, the cheerleader who constantly disses Sabrina and Jenny—and who's also crushing on Harvey.

# MELISSA JOAN HART... is SABRINA!

One of the biggest reasons for the instant success of *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* is the pretty, talented, and familiar actress in the lead role, Melissa Joan Hart.

Born and raised on Long Island in New York, Melissa is no stranger to TV. At age four, her very first commercial was for a doll called Splashy. She went on to appear in TV movies, miniseries, sitcoms, and soaps. Melissa also co-starred with Martin Sheen on the Broadway stage in the classic play, *The Crucible.*

In 1990, Melissa nabbed the role of quick-witted Clarissa Darling in the Nickelodeon sitcom, *Clarissa Explains It All.* But after four years in Clarissa's shoes, Melissa decided to take a break. She enrolled at New York University. "It was a great year," Melissa tells. "I made friends, I studied books by Jane Austen, I shopped in Greenwich Village." Much as she loved school, she couldn't shake the acting bug. Every so often she'd be offered a juicy role and she found it harder and harder to say no.

Happily, *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* came along. "I love the character of Sabrina," Melissa says. "She's a typical teenager, kind of confused. But she's always trying to make people happy—and then messing it up somehow. There's a lot of me in Sabrina!"

Melissa and her TV character share something

else—tight family ties. While Sabrina lives with her two aunts, Melissa's own household is much larger. She's a big sister to six siblings, most of whom are also in showbiz.

One thing Melissa has that Sabrina doesn't is a steady boyfriend. Melissa met college student James Fields when she was in Utah, filming an episode of *Touched By An Angel.* These days, James can be found in LA alongside Melissa. He's even guest-starred on *Sabrina,* playing Howard the geek.

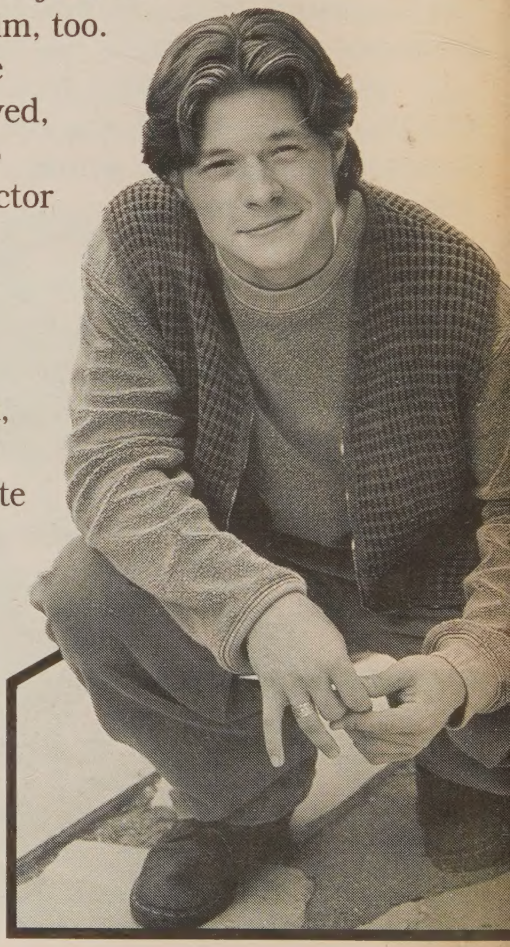
In real life, Melissa has no crystal ball to see into the future, but if she could have just a bit of Sabrina's magic, she would stop time right now. "Like when you're having a really great time, you don't want it to end," she explains. "I'd freeze it right there."

# NATE RICHERT... is HARVEY!

Harvey is one of the cutest guys at Sabrina's school. He's good-natured, athletic, and warm-hearted. He's also sweetly, and completely, clueless. Not only is he Sabrina's crush-object, but Libby has it bad for him, too.

In real life, Nate Richert is the hazel-eyed, 18-year-old actor who plays Harvey. While actor and character share many positive traits, Nate is anything but clueless.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and raised in nearby Oakdale, Nate followed in his mom's theatrical footsteps. Laura Richert often performed in local community theater. Says Nate, "Aside from plays, I took dancing lessons and did a commercial for



Corn Pops cereal." He was also on *Star Search* twice, singing and dancing as part of a group called Trouble. "But we lost both times," Nate admits. "That's when I decided to get serious about acting."

In 1995, Nate auditioned for the role of Harvey. "I did the audition, and then tried to just put it out of my mind," he tells. "One day the phone rang and it was my agent, telling me I'd gotten the role. I was really excited."

Like his TV character, Nate is an athlete. "I played football in high school, and I did some track." He also shyly admits, "Harvey is a really nice guy and I like to think I am, too."

Nate may be making a name for himself as an actor, but music remains his first love. He plays drums, guitar, and harmonica, and has even hooked up with an amateur band. "We have no name, we just kind of show up and play. We do rock 'n' roll, blues, jazz, swing, whatever mood strikes us, really."

Nate's advice for young people who want to get into showbiz is simple. "Just don't get discouraged," he counsels. "Something will just pop up all of a sudden that fits you perfectly."

Nate confirms that the show *Sabrina* fits him perfectly—as well as the rest of the cast."We're happy to be working together, and we really like each other. That's the best situation an actor can hope for."

# MICHELLE BEAUDOIN... is JENNY!

Free-spirited, fun-loving, true blue—that's Sabrina's best friend Jenny, who's always there to lend a listening ear. Jenny will even go so far as joining the dreaded Science Club just to keep Sabrina company.

Curly-tressed Michelle Beaudoin plays Jenny, but it isn't the first time she's played Sabrina's best friend. Before it was a TV series, *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* was a two-hour Showtime TV-movie, in which Michelle's character was called Marnie.

Michelle was born in Canada. That's where she got her start in acting. "I never dreamed of being an actress," Michelle tells. "My high school teacher forced me to take a role in the school play. That first role gave me confidence. When I graduated, the same teacher sent me to a local educational TV network." Melissa next won roles in two Canadian TV series, *Neon Rider* and *Madison*, plus a part in an episode of the Showtime TV series, *The Outer Limits.*

Then came the big move. Michelle packed up and headed to New York City, where she began serious theater training at the Circle In The Square Theater School. And that's when the work started coming to her. She was in the movie *Bad Company* and the teleflick *Tailhook*, and of course, the Showtime TV-movie *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch.*

Becoming Jenny on *Sabrina* meant leaving her

friends and family behind to move to Los Angeles, but Michelle doesn't regret her decision. She loves playing her character, partly because they're somewhat alike in real life. "Jenny has a certain idealistic, utopian view on what the world should be," Michelle says. "She's a little more naïve and younger than I am, but she's smart."

Real life has paralleled "reel life" in at least one way—Michelle and Melissa have become almost as close as Sabrina and Jenny. The two often hang out together off-camera, and Michelle has been getting Melissa into Yoga, which Michelle describes as "A great exercise and a great way to relax."

# JENNA LEIGH GREEN... is LIBBY!

"She's mean," says Jenna Leigh Green about her character, Libby. Jenna's right! Libby is the popular cheerleader who delights in dissing Sabrina and likes to be the center of attention, snaring Harvey's eye. Of course, in real life, Jenna's nothing like Libby. "I think she's a lot meaner than I am," Jenna jests. "I hope!"

Jenna is a California girl. She was born and raised in LA, growing up in a very artistic environment. Her mom and grandfather were actors and her dad is a musician. Both Jenna and her twin sister Jessica began appearing in plays when they were very young. In fact, of all Jenna's accomplishments, she's

most proud of the work she's done on stage. She highly recommends it for anyone who wants to break into showbiz. "Do theater. You never know, you might get discovered on stage—I did. It's really the best training. What you learn in theater will last you a lifetime."

Jenna's stage training led to parts on TV shows. Fans may remember her from sitcoms like *Saved By The Bell*, and the TV-movie *A Friend To Die For* with Tori Spelling. And when *Sabrina* came along, Jenna had no trouble nailing her role as unlikeable Libby.

Even though Jenna is completely kinder than her TV character, there are some similarities. "Libby's very much into school activities because she thinks they'll make her popular. I like those things too, but just because they're fun to get involved in," she details.

Off-camera, Jenna gets along great with her magical co-stars. "We all hit it off immediately. Melissa and I are especially good friends. We just hang out a lot, or watch movies, or go to Jerry's Deli."

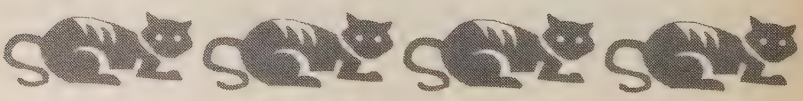
Although Jenna enjoys sports and other activities, her true love is acting and theater. When she has time off from *Sabrina*, she usually spends it going to movies or plays. "I always feel happiest when I'm doing something acting-related," she admits. "Even just watching a play or a movie, I get to watch actors, and I can learn from them."

## BETH BRODERICK... is AUNT ZELDA!

Whenever Sabrina has a perplexing problem to solve, she turns to wise and warm Aunt Zelda. She's sweet but strict with Sabrina, whether her niece is dealing with homework or witchcraft. Though kind, caring, and fair, Zelda is a stickler for curfews, homework, and chores.

The bigwigs behind the scenes at *Sabrina* say they were lucky to get Beth Broderick for the role. They're right. Ms. Broderick, a native of Kentucky, is one of the most talented, experienced, and respected actors today. She's done it all, from movies (*Stealing Home* with Jodie Foster and *Fools Rush In* with *Friends'* Matthew Perry), to TV shows (she co-starred with a young Brad Pitt in a short-lived show called *Glory Days*), to teleflicks. But her true love is theater, and she often returns to the stage, appearing in plays in New York and LA.

Beth is also a writer of books and screenplays, and heads up her own production company to develop TV shows and movies. Additionally, she is a well-known activist in the fight against AIDS and homelessness.



# CAROLINE RHEA... is AUNT HILDA!

Although Aunt Hilda is definitely the less conventional aunt, she's not quite as ditzy as she comes off. Hilda likes to cut corners—she'll point her finger to conjure up a pizza instead of ordering one like most people do—but her off-handed witch style is the perfect balance to Zelda's steadier one.

Aunt Hilda is in good hands with the actress who plays her. Blond, bubbly Caroline Rhea is a stand-up comedienne from Montreal, Canada. Her résumé includes live performances at The Comic Strip and Stand Up New York. On TV, she's done *Comic Strip Live* and *Six Comics In Search Of A Generation.* She even hosted her own comedy series on cable's VH-1 channel, *Fools For Love.*

Now that she's part of the *Sabrina* family, Caroline has relocated to LA. She has also guest-starred on other TV shows, most recently on *The Drew Carey Show* as Drew's would-be girlfriend.

# PAUL FEIG is... MR. POOL!

What's Sabrina's favorite subject? Science, by a landslide. So it makes sense that her favorite teacher is Mr. Pool, the wacky science teacher and head of the Science Club.

It takes the combination of a serious actor with a serious silly streak to give Mr. Pool just the right touch, and that describes Paul Feig. Born in Michigan, Paul began doing local theater and stand-up comedy when he was 15.

Paul earned his film degree at the University of Southern California. But it was an appearance on the game show *$25,000 Pyramid* that really gave him his start. He won $29,000, allowing him to devote his time to acting. He's appeared in the shows *Roseanne* and *The Garry Shandling Show*, as well as the movies *That Thing You Do* and *My Fellow Americans*.

# SALEM: THAT DARNED CAT!

Everyone's favorite member of the *Sabrina* family has to be Salem, the chatting cat. Salem is really a warlock sentenced to live in a kitty's body as punishment for scheming world domination. That's why Salem is in a bad mood so often—he doesn't love being a cat.

In real life, it takes four frisky felines to play Salem. They respond to the names Witch, Elvis, Lucy, and yes, there really is a Salem. The four black, furry critters were all discovered at a local pound, and then put through their paces by professional animal trainer Mark Watters.

Each cat brings his or her own sparkling personality and special talents to the set of *Sabrina.* Elvis, who's six years old, is the best "mouth mover" of the group. That's him you see doing Salem's "speaking" close-ups. Lucy, the only female feline, is also six, and she's the most affectionate of the crew. She loves rubbing up against people. Sitting still is another of Lucy's specialties. Witch, who's three years old, is described as a "good, all-around cat." Salem is the newest (and smallest) cat cast member. A mere two years old, Salem is the "action cat"—he's the kitty most likely to be running and bouncing all over the set. And although the cats look exactly alike, they aren't related to each other.

## THE TRAINING GAME!

It's no easy task to train a cat. They are known for their highly independent behavior. "Cats respond to praise and treats," explains Mark. "They learn what they're expected to do, and pretty soon they look forward to doing it."

The toughest job Mark faced was teaching the cats to "talk." To train Elvis, Mark touched a Q-Tip to the cat's lips. Then, when Elvis moved his mouth properly, he was rewarded with cuddling and a treat. Now Elvis can move his mouth for eight to ten seconds.

Other tricks are taught using beepers, buzzers, and spoons. The sound of a beeper tells a cat to "come." A buzzer means the cat should look to the right or to the left. And a clicking sound confirms that the cat did something correctly—which means something good to eat is on the way!

## THIS CAT'S LIFE!

Working under those hot lights can be hard on human actors, so imagine how stressed animal actors can get! To relax between filming, the cats have an air conditioned dressing room. "Heat can effect a cat's appetite," tells trainer Mark. "If it gets too hot, the cats can't work effectively."

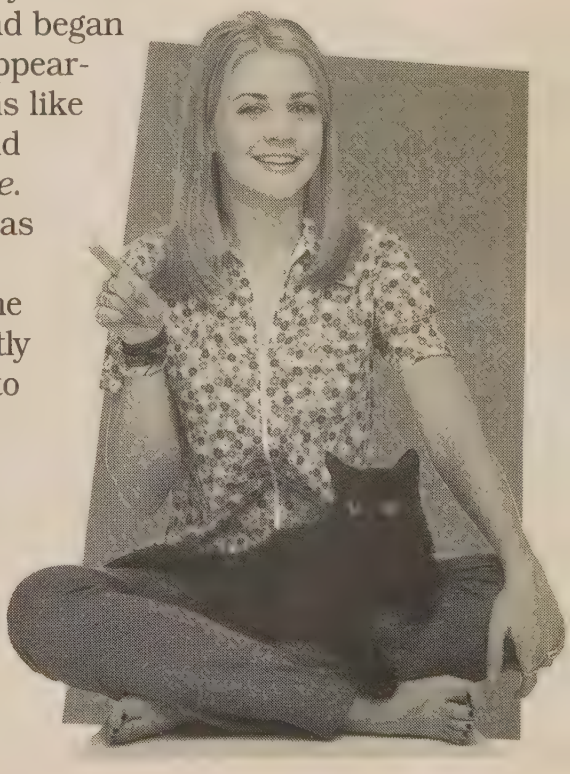
In their dressing room, the kitties have plenty of toys to keep them busy. And there are always plenty of actors around to play with!

## NICK BAKAY is... THE VOICE OF SALEM!

No matter how well-trained those frisky felines are, there's still one thing they cannot do—talk. It takes a real actor to create the voice of Salem, and that actor is Nick Bakay.

Nick (whose last name is pronounced Bah-K-Eye) was born in Buffalo, New York. After attending a Professional Acting Program in Texas he moved to New York, where he pursued acting and writing.

Eventually, Nick moved to LA, and began making guest appearances on sitcoms like *Ellen*, *Coach*, and *Grace Under Fire*. He also worked as a writer and announcer for the NFL, and currently lends his voice to the cartoon *The Angry Beavers*. Nick lives in LA with his writer wife Robin, their dog, and yes...two cats.



# SABRINA'S POWERS
## What She Can And Can't Do

### Sabrina Can...

...Make people disappear!

...Spread truth sprinkles on food—it force feeds folks into telling the total truth!

...Create an ideal boy (in an attempt to make Harvey jealous)

...Turn a cranky baby into a grown-up man

...Turn Libby into a pineapple—or all the students into geeks.

...Clone herself.

### Sabrina Can't...

...Swim. It's a witch fact of life, they can't plunge into water.

....Make someone fall in love with her. It's kind of a bummer, but Sabrina has to do it the old fashioned way—with her winning smile and perky personality.

...Cry. According to old legends, a witch can only cry a tear or two each year.

...Use her magic to get better grades. Sabrina's a good student because she studies, and is really interested in learning. She doesn't need to cast a spell to pass her tests.

## From Comic Book to TV Movie to TV Series: Sabrina's Magical Transformation!

Comic book fans know *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* best from the Archie Comics series of the same name. Melissa Joan Hart explains, "Someone came to my mom and I with the comic book and asked us if we'd like to do a TV movie on it." Not only did Melissa and her producer-mom Paula think that was a great idea, they also thought Melissa actually resembled the comic book character.

The original on-screen production of *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* was a two-hour Showtime TV-movie, which aired back in April 1996. After the movie was filmed, Paula and Melissa Hart took it to ABC-TV to see if a series could be developed. And the rest is TGIF history!

**Sabrina makes magic with guest-star Andrew Keegan!**

# BEHIND-THE-SCENES SECRETS

■ Melissa Joan Hart's friends used to have a nickname for her. "They'd call me 'Suh,'" she recalls. "On TV, I was playing the character Clarissa, but in real life, I'm Melissa. So they just shortened it to 'Suh.'"

■ Melissa is the "hart" and soul of the show. Not only does she play the lead role, she actually helped bring the show to weekly TV. Melissa and her mom, Paula, formed Hartbreak Productions to help bring more family TV shows to the small screen.

■ What's it like working with her mother? Melissa admits, "I look up to her. She's my manager and executive producer.

Whenever I need a hug, she's there."

■ Melissa tried out for the role of Cher in TV's *Clueless*. Her audition did not go well. "I can do a lot of different characters, even play an evil girl, but I can't do Valley girl," she reveals.

■ Of all the new TV shows to debut this past fall, the biggest hit of all is...*Sabrina, The Teenage Witch!*

■ The show is about to spin-off into a series of books—watch for 'em!

■ Even though she likes the daredevil sport of snowboarding, Melissa describes herself as "a wimp!"

■ For her next vacation, Melissa is planning a trip to Maui, Hawaii, with her castmates.

■ How did they make it seem as if Sabrina was floating above her bed? Melissa tells, "They made a plaster mold of the whole back side of me. Then they attached it to a pole. They lifted me...and dropped me, and I'm levitating."

■ Now it can be told, Melissa wasn't always happy being Clarissa. "There were a lot of good times, but I didn't have a social life."

■ Backstage at *Sabrina* is a really cool place. Last August, Jenna Leigh Green celebrated her birthday, and the entire cast surprised her with a party!

■ Melissa writes an advice column for Teen Beat magazine—only she doesn't always take her own advice.

# SABRINA CAST FACT FILES!

## MELISSA'S MAGICAL MIX

**Real Full Name:** Melissa Joan Hart
**Birthday:** April 18, 1976
**Stats:** 5'3", blue eyes, blond hair
**Sibs:** Melissa's the oldest. Next comes Trisha, 19; Elizabeth, 16; Brian, 13; Emily, 11; Alexandra, 4; and Samantha, born in November 1996.
**Lives Now:** She splits her time between a New Jersey home and an LA apartment.
**Car:** A Jeep and a Toyota Celica
**How She Spends Her Free Time:** Snowboarding takes tops honors. "It's not any more dangerous than skiing," she quips of the sport. "It just depends which body parts are more precious to you!"
**Who She Hangs With:** Aside from her family and her boyfriend, Melissa's NBF—that's Hollywood-speak for New Best Friend—is *90210's* Brian Austin Green.
**To Keep In Shape:** She plays tennis, rides her bike, and dances.
**Fave Movies:** *Twister, The Hunchback Of Notre Dame*
**Music:** Smashing Pumpkins, Nine Inch Nails
**Style:** "I'm into jeans and sweaters—and boots. I love my platform boots."
**Pet Peeve:** "I get impatient when things on the set are moving too slowly for me. I like to keep it moving, and I don't like it when people slack off."

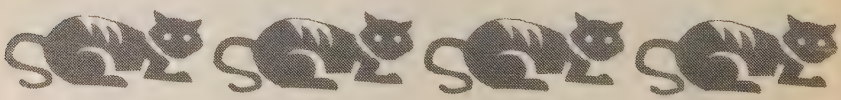
**A Best Friend:** Must be completely and totally honest.
**Advice For *Sabrina* Fans:** "Be yourself and don't conform."

# NATE NOTES

**You Pronounce It:** Richert is like Richard with a T at the end.
**Birthday:** April 28, 1978
**Height, Weight:** 5'11", 165 lbs.
**Hair, Eyes:** Dark blond, hazel
**Family:** Nate's parents are Laura and Wayne; his younger sister is Crystal, who's 15.
**Pets:** Two dogs, Brandy and Whiskey
**How He Spends His Free Time:** Making music with his band; listening to music by The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Pink Floyd, and Rush
**Who He Hangs With:** The cast of *Sabrina* and his band
**Faves:**

**TV Shows:** *Home Improvement, Roseanne*
**Books:** *The Hobbitt* trilogy
**Colors:** Green and brown
**Food:** Anything Italian
**Movie:** *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*

**A Perfect Day:** "I'd spend it at the beach, sit on the beach, and watch the ocean."
**A Perfect Date:** "A nice dinner and a movie, then a walk along the beach."



## THE MICHELLE MIX

**You pronounce it:** Beaudoin is pronounced BOW-din.
**Birthday:** August 25
**Vital Stats:** Dark blond hair, blue eyes, 5'4"
**Favorite Sport:** Swimming
**Best Ways To Relax:** Writing, painting, dancing, and especially, reading a good book
**Fantasy Day:** "I'd probably wake up on an island."
**LoveWire:** She's not seeing anyone right now.
**A Perfect Date:** "It changes all the time. Tonight my perfect date might be hanging out at home and playing a game of cards. Tomorrow it might be going to see a movie, and the next night, it might be dancing."
**If She Ruled The World:** "There would be no cars! And less cement. No smog, no pollution. Let our streets grow into beautiful little forest walkways or something."
**Advice:** "Be yourself and have fun. Believe in yourself and trust your feelings."
**Future Plans:** "Acting's what I want to do for the rest of my life."

# THE JENNA JAM

**Birthday:** August 22
**Vital Stats:** Brown hair, brown eyes, 5'4"
**Lives:** West Hills, California
**What's Cool:** Going to the theater, musicals, and old Audrey Hepburn movies
**She's Not Related To:** Brian Austin Green
**A Perfect Day:** "I'd probably sleep! Or spend time with my family. I don't get to see them too much because I'm working so much."
**A Dream Date:** "Maybe go see a play, have dessert, something kick-back like that."

**Pet Peeve:** "Complaining a lot! My attitude is, we should just get over it. Be positive!"
**If She Ruled The World:** "There would be no more homelessness. It would be nice if everyone had a place to live and a job."
**Advice About Getting Into Showbiz:** "Just be persistent. Knock on doors, study, take classes, do theater, just anything you can to help improve your craft."

## CAROLINE'S CORNER

**You Pronounce Her Last Name:** Rhea is pronounced "Ray."
**Birthday:** April 13
**Vital Stats:** Blond hair, blue eyes, 5'8"
**Birthplace:** Montreal, Canada
**What She Loves About *Sabrina:*** "The show is hilarious, and really good-hearted."

## BETH BITS

**Birthday:** February 24
**Stats:** Blond hair, green eyes, 5'8"
**Birthplace:** Falmouth, Kentucky
**Training:** She graduated high school early and enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, California.
**She's Most Proud Of:** Founding Momentum, an organization that assists people with AIDS, and being an active member at the LA Mission, which helps women overcome abuse and teaches them job skills.

## SALEM CENTRAL

**Where You've Seen Them Before:** All four cats who play Salem were in the original *Sabrina* Showtime TV movie.
**Ages:** Elvis and Lucy are six years old; Witch is three; Salem is two.
**It's All Relative?** None of the cats is related.
**Trick Or Treat:** All four cats perform various tricks. Once a day, on the set, they're treated to their favorite meal—Sheba cat food, canned tuna, and dry kibble.

**Toys:** Balls and feathers
**Who Melissa Likes Best:** While the star of the show doesn't normally play favorites, she does work with Witch and Lucy most often.

# MELISSA ON SABRINA

## A One-On-One With Your Favorite Teenage Witch!

**Q: How would you describe Sabrina?**
**MELISSA:** She's a little like Clarissa (of *Clarissa Explains It All*) and a little like me. I was actually a little nervous about playing Sabrina. I didn't want her to be boring.
**Q: She's definitely not boring!**
**MELISSA:** Sabrina's got so many interesting people in her life—that keeps her on her toes.
**Q: Sabrina often feels like she doesn't fit in with her friends because she's a witch. Do you ever feel like you don't fit in?**
**MELISSA:** Yes. I really identify with Sabrina. She doesn't feel normal—but then again, for a teen, not feeling normal *is* normal.
**Q: Is acting something you want to do for the rest of your life?**
**MELISSA:** I think I'll always be involved in show business, whether it's acting or a more behind-the-scenes role.
**Q: Are you also continuing your education?**
**MELISSA:** Yes. Now that I'm working on the show, I do a home study course.
**Q: Is staying in school important to you?**
**MELISSA:** Very important. I'm very serious about my education.

**Q: Does it ever bother you when fans recognize you?**
**MELISSA:** Sometimes when I'm in a bad mood, it's difficult. Like if I have a fight with my boyfriend, and he's standing next to me, and someone comes up. I don't always know what to say to people. It can be awkward.
**Q: You've grown up in show business—do you ever feel like you missed out on anything?**
**MELISSA:** Maybe a little. When I was growing up, people would ask me if I missed out and I'd say no, because I was having my own experiences and developing in a different way. But looking back, I may have missed out on a social life in high school.

**Q: Do you ever feel you're "too busy?"**
**MELISSA:** When I'm not busy, I

become really bored. I love being stressed out, actually, although I know that sounds weird. It helps me get things done and then the little time off I have, I enjoy.

**Q: Do you have any advice for someone who wants to pursue acting as a career?**

**MELISSA:** The only thing I would tell people is that you have to really enjoy what you're doing. I don't think people realize that acting is a really difficult profession, and it's definitely not all glamour. It's a lot of work.

You can write to Melissa or any of the cast members of *Sabrina, The Teenage Witch* c/o ABC-TV, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Or, catch 'em on-line on America Online's ABC-TV site.

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